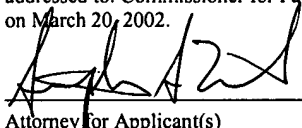




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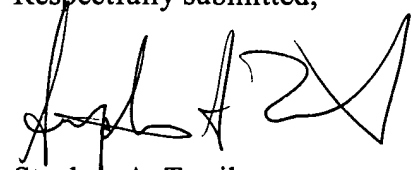
The Specification has been amended to add relevant information. In view of the amendments and remarks set forth herein, the application is believed to be in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is solicited. Nonetheless, should any issues remain that might be subject to resolution through a telephonic interview, the examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned.

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"Marked Up" paragraphs showing the changes that the accompanying submission makes to the specification of Serial No. 09/825,225:

Please add the following paragraph beginning on Page 1, line 4 with the following amended paragraph:

The U.S. Government has a paid-up license in this invention and the right in limited circumstances to require the patent owner to license others on reasonable terms as provided for by the terms of Cooperative Agreement No. 70NANB7H3041 awarded by the United States Department of Commerce, National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), Advanced Technology Program (ATP).